



# A Window to America

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Rabat and Dar America in Casablanca

## Columbus Day – October 12

### October 2010

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Columbus Day is the annual U.S. commemoration of explorer Christopher Columbus' landing in the New World (at San Salvador Island, also known as Waitling Island, today part of the British Bahamas) on October 12, 1492. Columbus was not the first European to cross the Atlantic successfully. Viking sailors are believed to have established a short-lived settlement in Newfoundland sometime in the 11th century, and scholars have argued for a number of other possible pre-Columbian landings. Columbus, however, initiated the lasting encounter between Europeans and the indigenous peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/32kqewt>

### Article in Focus

نص خطاب الرئيس أوباما أمام الجمعية العامة للأمم المتحدة



<http://tinyurl.com/2g8mgff> English

# IRC Recent Acquisitions

## Electronic Journal:



### Climate Change Partnerships

Partnerships leverage the complementary skills and talents of diverse partners and likely will be among the required responses to global climate change.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3289brz>

<http://tinyurl.com/3aaz4em> عربي

## Books in French:



Carl Bernstein



Maylis de Kerangal et Joy  
Sorman



Yannick Resh

### Publications

**America.gov's downloadable books and journals  
provide a world of information at the click of a button.**

<http://www.america.gov/publications.html>

## PAS Activities

Participation de 12 jeunes femmes marocaines coaches de football dans un programme d'échange sportif du gouvernement des Etats-Unis

Mme Kaplan avec les participantes



Les participantes avec Mr. Aziz Bouderbala



Dans le cadre des programmes d'échanges sportifs du gouvernement des Etats-Unis, l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis d'Amérique a invité un groupe de 10 jeunes femmes marocaines coaches de football, âgées entre 18 et 22 ans, Mme Mahjouba Amrammou, Inspectrice, Délégation de Ministre de la Jeunesse et des Sports à Rabat, et Mme Bahia El Yahmidi, Présidente, Association Fille Al Amal Asslaoui à Salé, à participer à un stage de Football dans le cadre des programmes culturels et sportifs du gouvernement des Etats-Unis. Ce programme d'échange, qui est organisé suite à la visite au Maroc du club américain de football féminin "Bethesda Soccer Club", en mois de juillet dernier, se tiendra du 19 au 30 septembre 2010 à Washington D.C.

## Upcoming programs at Dar America Casablanca

### October 2010 Film Program

**Wednesday, October 6th 18:00-19:00**

**Biography of Christopher Columbus,**  
Explorer of the New World. English

**Tuesday, October 12th 18:00-19:30**

**E.T.** Director Steven Spielberg's heartwarming masterpiece is one of the brightest stars in emotion picture history. magic and imagination, Experience all the mystery and fun of their unforgettable adventure in the beloved movie that captivated audiences around the world.

**Wednesday, October 20th 18:00-20:00**

A classic Hitchcock film.

**Vertigo** Set among San Francisco's renown landmarks, James Stewart is brilliant as Scottie Ferguson, an acrophobic detective hired to shadow a friend's suicidal wife, Madeleine. When tragedy strikes and Madeleine dies, Scottie is devastated. But when he finds another woman remarkably like his lost love, the now obsessed detective must unravel the secrets of the past to find the key to his future.

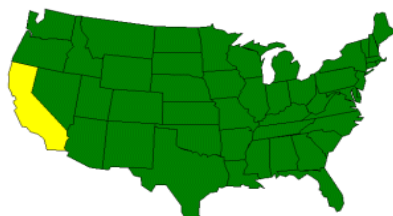
### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



### Forum Discussions

**October 14th 17:00-18:00 Hispanic Heritage**

Come learn about one aspect of diversity in the United States. Facilitated by Liza Bright, Chris Bergaust and Vanessa Paloma.



**October 21st 17:00-18:00 California**

California is the third largest of the 50 states. It includes major lakes and rivers. In southern California, many wide, sandy beaches can be found.

Carla Gonneville is going to talk about California and the southern border.

**October 28th 17:00-18:00**  
**2010 Census**

The U.S Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. The 2010 Census will help communities receive billions in federal funds each year for things like hospitals, job training centers schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other public works projects, emergency services. Facilitated by Elizabeth Gracon. English



United States  
**Census 2010**

### Exhibit

(Dar America lobby)

Painters inspired by  
Hispanic culture

### October 2010 Holidays

(Dar America Closed)

October 11th **Columbus Day**

Columbus Day, which is commemorated annually on the second Monday of October, celebrates Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492.

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Event of the month

### Halloween

October 30th, Halloween is an annual holiday observed on October 31. It has roots in the Celtic festival of Samhain. Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, wearing costumes and attending costume parties, carving jack-o'-lanterns, apple bobbing, visiting haunted attractions, committing pranks, telling ghost stories or other frightening tales, and watching horror

### Library Resources Session

**Every Tuesday, 15:00-16:00.** In Arabic/French. Sign up at the circulation desk or send an email to

[daramerica@state.gov](mailto:daramerica@state.gov)

Sign up for this one-hour presentation on using the resources at the American Library. Learn about the books, periodicals, and online resources available to students and researchers.

## Upcoming programs at the American Corner in Oujda

**October 2:**

Event: **Public Speaking Workshop**

Time: 3:00p.m

Partner: English Club Oujda

**October 9**

Event: **Public Speaking Workshop**

Time: 3:00p.m

Partner: English Club Oujda

**October 16**

Event: **Reading Workshop**

Time: 3:00p.m

Partner: English Club Oujda

**October 23:**

Event: **Public Speaking Workshop**

Time: 3:00p.m

Partner: English Club Oujda

**October 30:**

Event: **Reading Workshop**

Time: 3:00p.m

Partner: English Club Oujda